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SUMMARY: EMBASSY OFFICER WAS BRIEFED ON SCENARIO FOR MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN MID-JANUARY. ALL HEADS OF EUROPEAN PARTIES HAVE ACCEPTED AND PLANS ARE PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. END SUMMARY.

1) THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER DECEMBER 17 THAT ACCEPTANCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL HEADS OF EUROPEAN MEMBER PARTIES OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE L.O. SCHOOL NEAR HELSINGOR JANUARY 18 AND 19. EJNAR HOUGAARD CHRISTIANSEN SAID THE MEETING WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE BECAUSE ALL OF THE PARTY LEADERS HAD NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN BERLIN. SINCE THEN, OF COURSE, THERE HAD BEEN GATHERINGS IN MANNEIM AND BEFORE THAT IN STOCKHOLM, BUT IN THE ONE CASE ARAB AND ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN PRESENT AND IN THE OTHER NOT ALL LEADERS WERE INVITED.

2) THE SCHEDULE FORESEES A MEETING OF THE NORDIC LEADERS THE EVENING OF THE 17TH, WITH PARTICIPATION OF THE PARTY SECRETARIES, TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY, FOLLOWED BY A MEETING THE MORNING OF THE 18TH OF PARTY LEADERS FROM COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE TINDEMANS REPORT. THE AFTERNOON OF THE 18TH ALL LEADERS WILL BEGIN THEIR DELIBERATIONS AND THEY WILL BE CONCLUDED THE AFTERNOON OF THE 19TH.

3) ACCORDING TO HOUGAARD CHRISTIANSEN, THE PRINCIPAL THEMES WILL BE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC SITUATION; VIEWS OF PARTIES IN EEC COUNTRIES AS OPPOSED TO THOSE IN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES; AND THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL'S POSITION WITH RESPECT (1) TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, (2) TO THE THIRD WORLD AND (3) TO OTHER LIKE-THINKING PARTIES OUTSIDE OF EUROPE. FINALLY "WHITHER SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE?" IN SUM, HOUGAARD CHRISTIANSEN'S PRESENTATION COINCIDES WITH THAT GIVEN AMBASSADOR DEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4) ALL MEETINGS WILL BE ABSOLUTELY PRIVATE, HOUGAARD CHRISTIANSEN SAID, THIS BEING THE ONLY GUARANTEE THAT THE LEADERS WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK FRANKLY AND OPENLY. SECURITY FOR THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED AND THE NEW CONFERENCE BUILDING AT THE L.O. SCHOOL IS CONSIDERED IDEAL.

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